

REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed Claims 5, and 7-26. The Examiner is thanked for this allowance.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bellare et al. Still yet, the Examiner has rejected Claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bellare et al. Such rejections are overcome, however, in view of the amendments made hereinabove. Specifically, the foregoing rejected claims have been cancelled.

All of the claims are thus deemed in condition for allowance.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAIIP082/00.075.01).

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